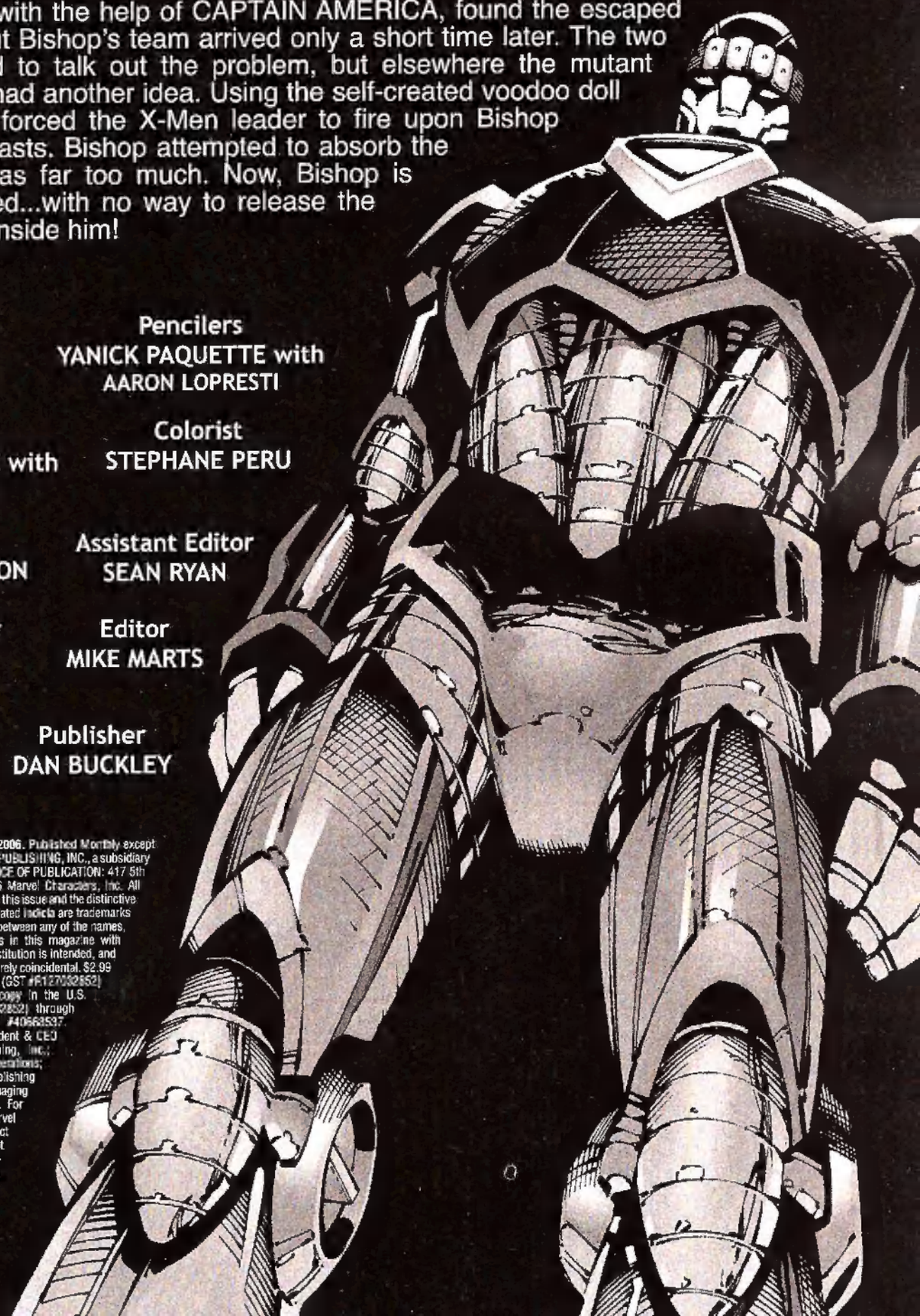
Previously in Civil War: X-Men

The 198 have escaped. Having been broken out by renegade mutants DOMINO and SHATTERSTAR, the mutants who took refuge at the Xavier Institute are now on the run.

Two camps have made it their mission to find these mutants. One camp is led by the X-Man BISHOP, he has the full support of IRON MAN and the OFFICE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY. The other camp is made up of the four original X-Men, ICEMAN, ARCHANGEL, BEAST, and CYCLOPS.

Cyclops' team, with the help of CAPTAIN AMERICA, found the escaped mutants first, but Bishop's team arrived only a short time later. The two sides attempted to talk out the problem, but elsewhere the mutant JOHNNY DEE had another idea. Using the self-created voodoo doll of Cyclops, he forced the X-Men leader to fire upon Bishop with his optic blasts. Bishop attempted to absorb the power, but it was far too much. Now, Bishop is being overloaded...with no way to release the power building inside him!



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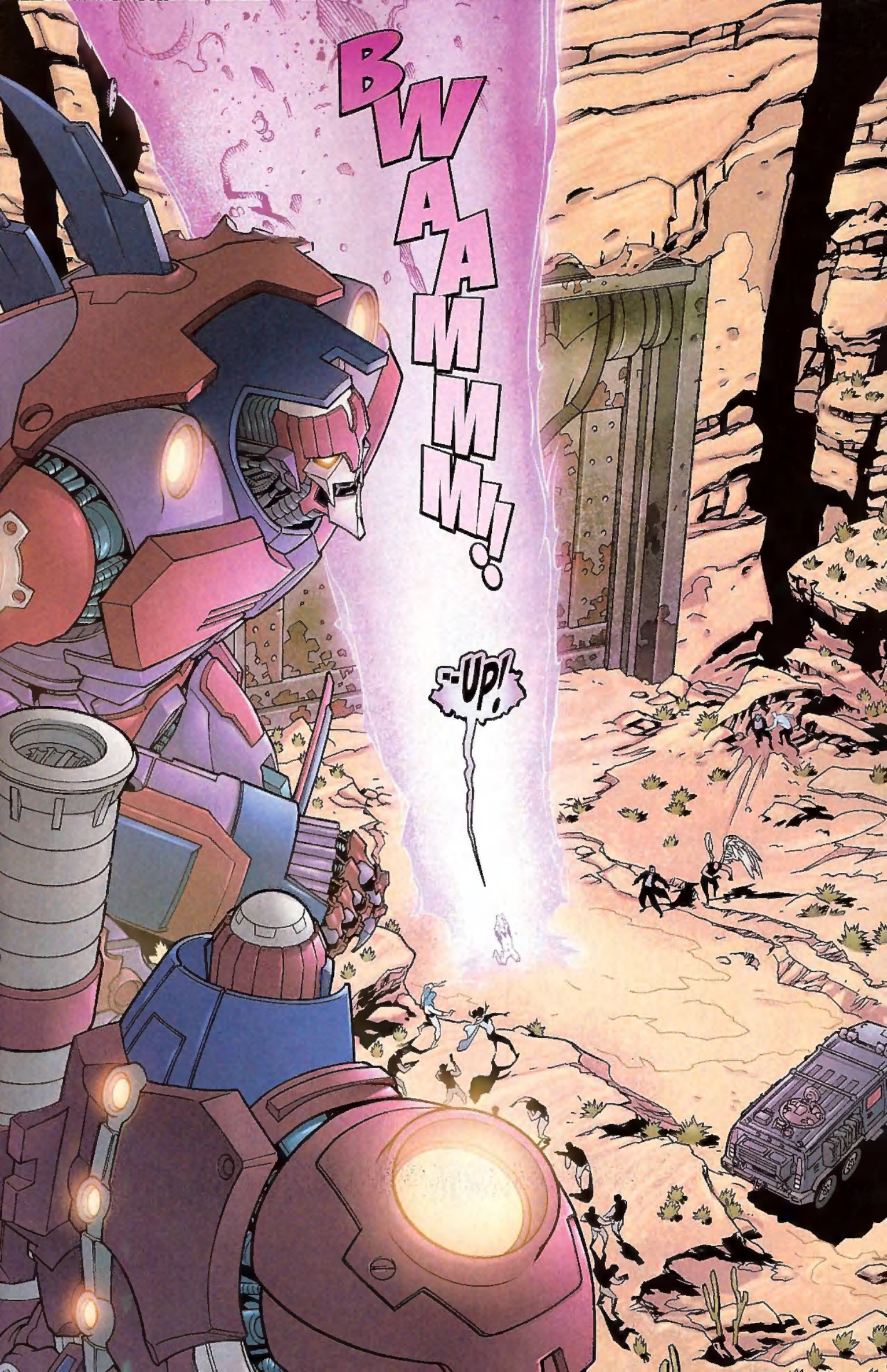
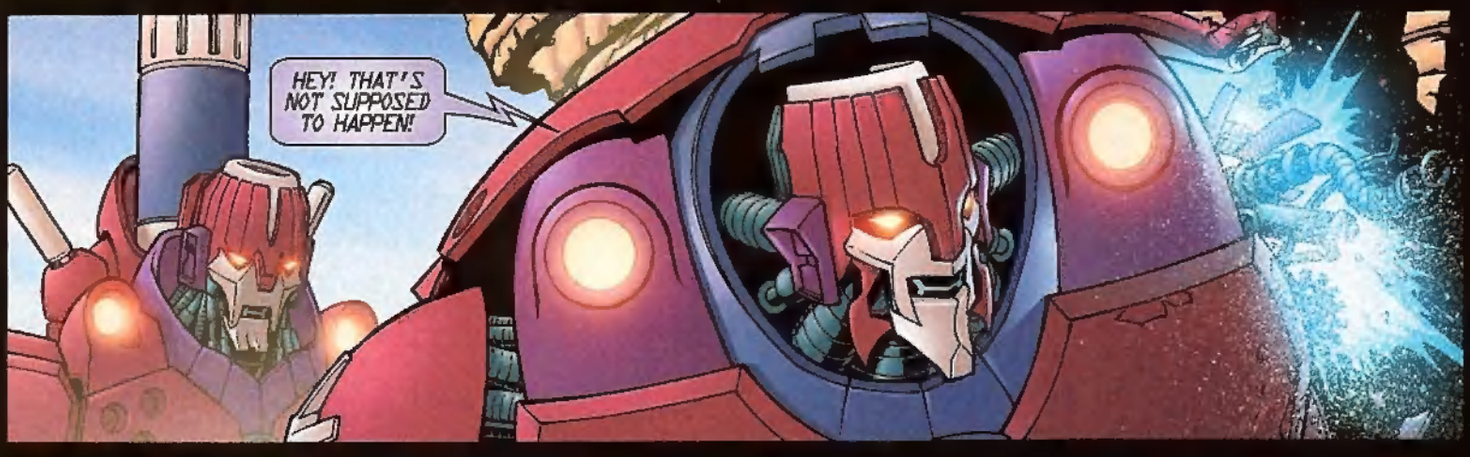
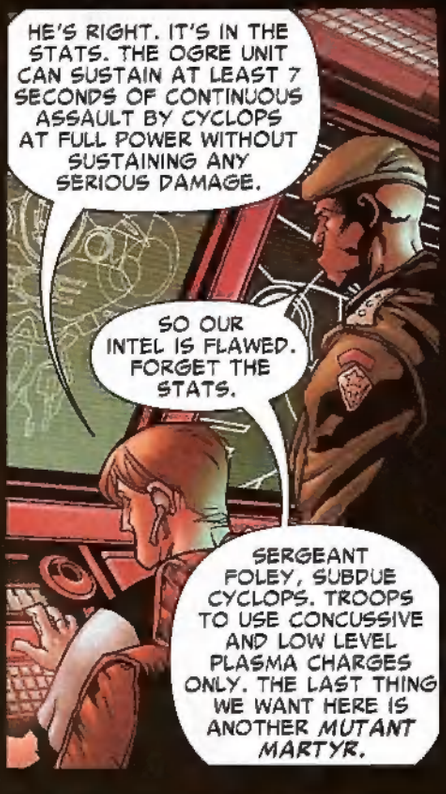
SCOTT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
BISHOP'S JUST GOING TO SUCK UP ALL THAT ENERGY AND SPIT IT RIGHT BACK!
NOT THIS TIME.
SCOTT! THAT'S ENOUGH!
YOU'RE HURTING HIM!
CLAWS OFF, BEASTIE BOY!
NOW WHERE WAS I?
OH YEAH. MY LITTLE SCIENCE PROJECT--
--TEST BISHOP TO DESTRUCTION--
TAKE COVER! I CAN'T CONTAIN THIS--
--HAVE TO DIRECT IT--

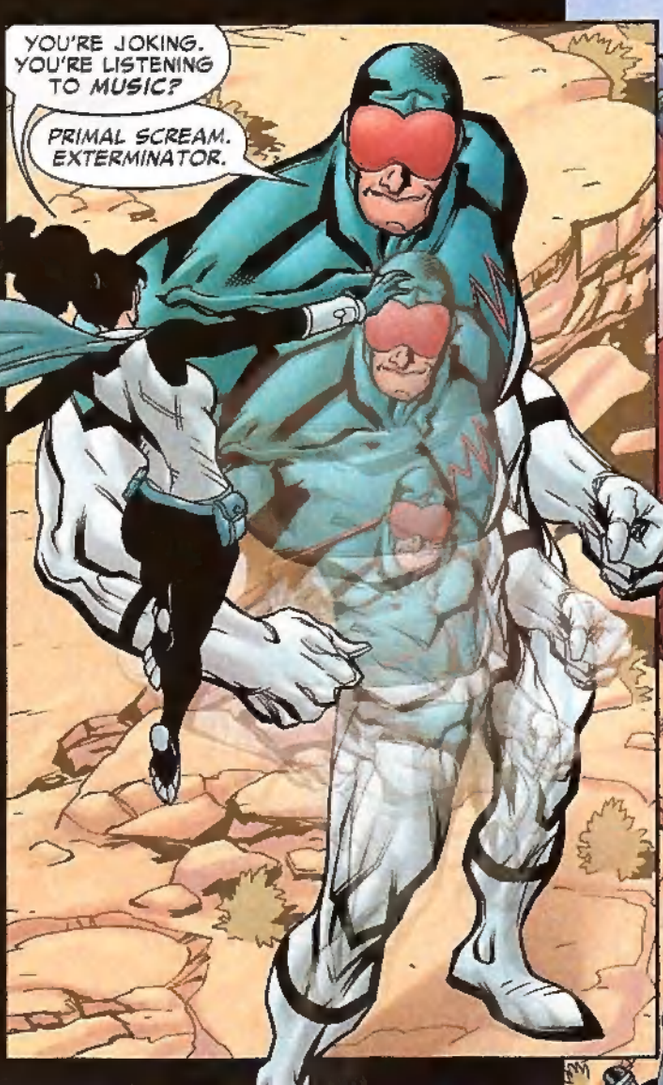

BWAAMMM!!
-UP!


HEY! THAT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!

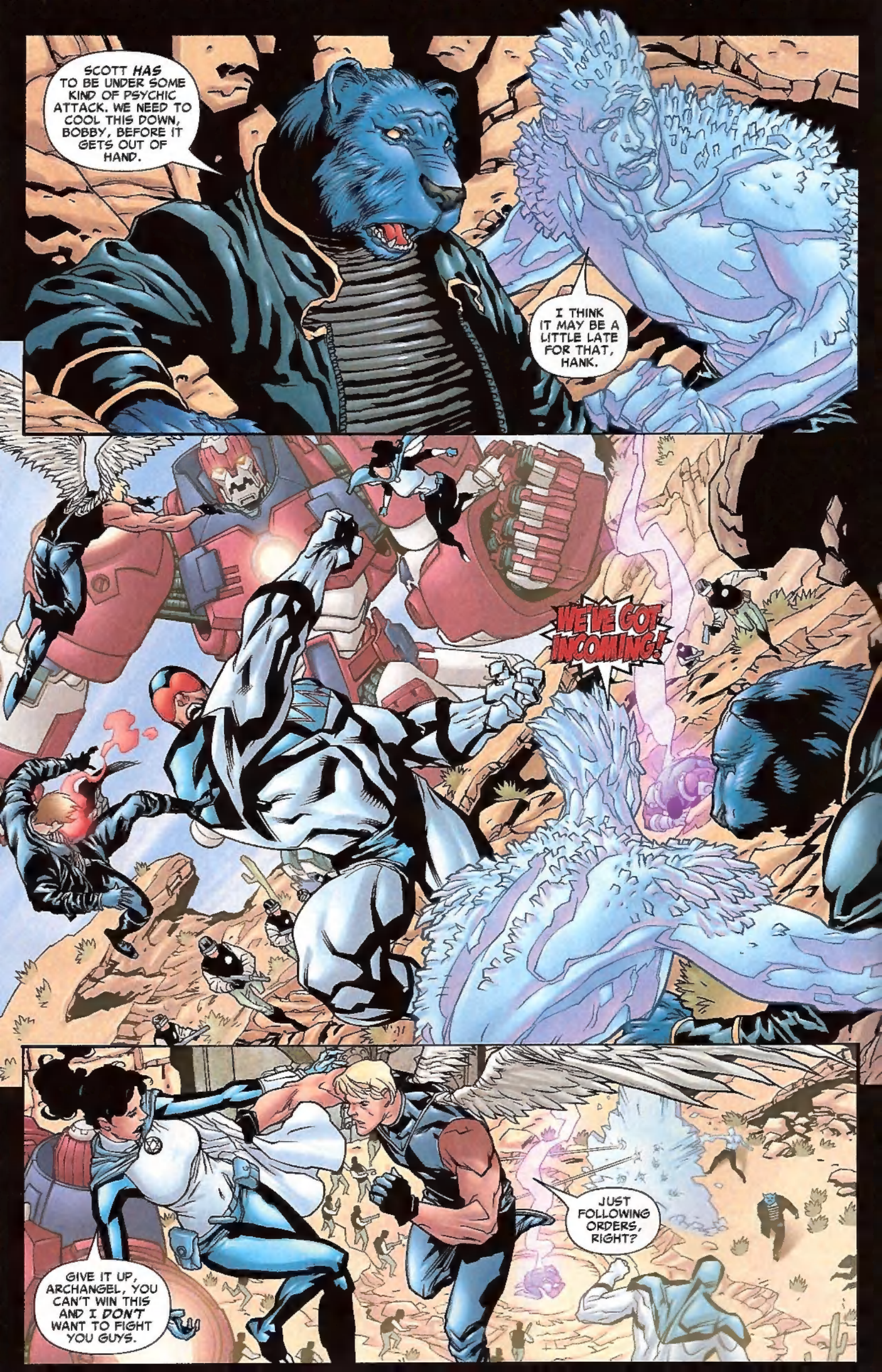

HE'S RIGHT. IT'S IN THE STATS. THE OGRE UNIT CAN SUSTAIN AT LEAST 7 SECONDS OF CONTINUOUS ASSAULT BY CYCLOPS AT FULL POWER WITHOUT SUSTAINING ANY SERIOUS DAMAGE.
SO OUR INTEL IS FLAWED. FORGET THE STATS.
SERGEANT FOLEY, SUBDUE CYCLOPS. TROOPS TO USE CONCUSSIVE AND LOW LEVEL PLASMA CHARGES ONLY. THE LAST THING WE WANT HERE IS ANOTHER *MUTANT MARTYR.*

ALRIGHT, WE'RE MOVING. ***NEUTRALIZE*** THE X-MEN, THEN SECURE THE BUNKER.
MICROMAX, YOU TAKE CYCLOPS. I'LL PULL BISHOP OUT OF THERE.
SOUNDS GOOD, SABRA.

WHAT IS THAT?
I HAVE A SOUND SYSTEM BUILT INTO THE SUIT.

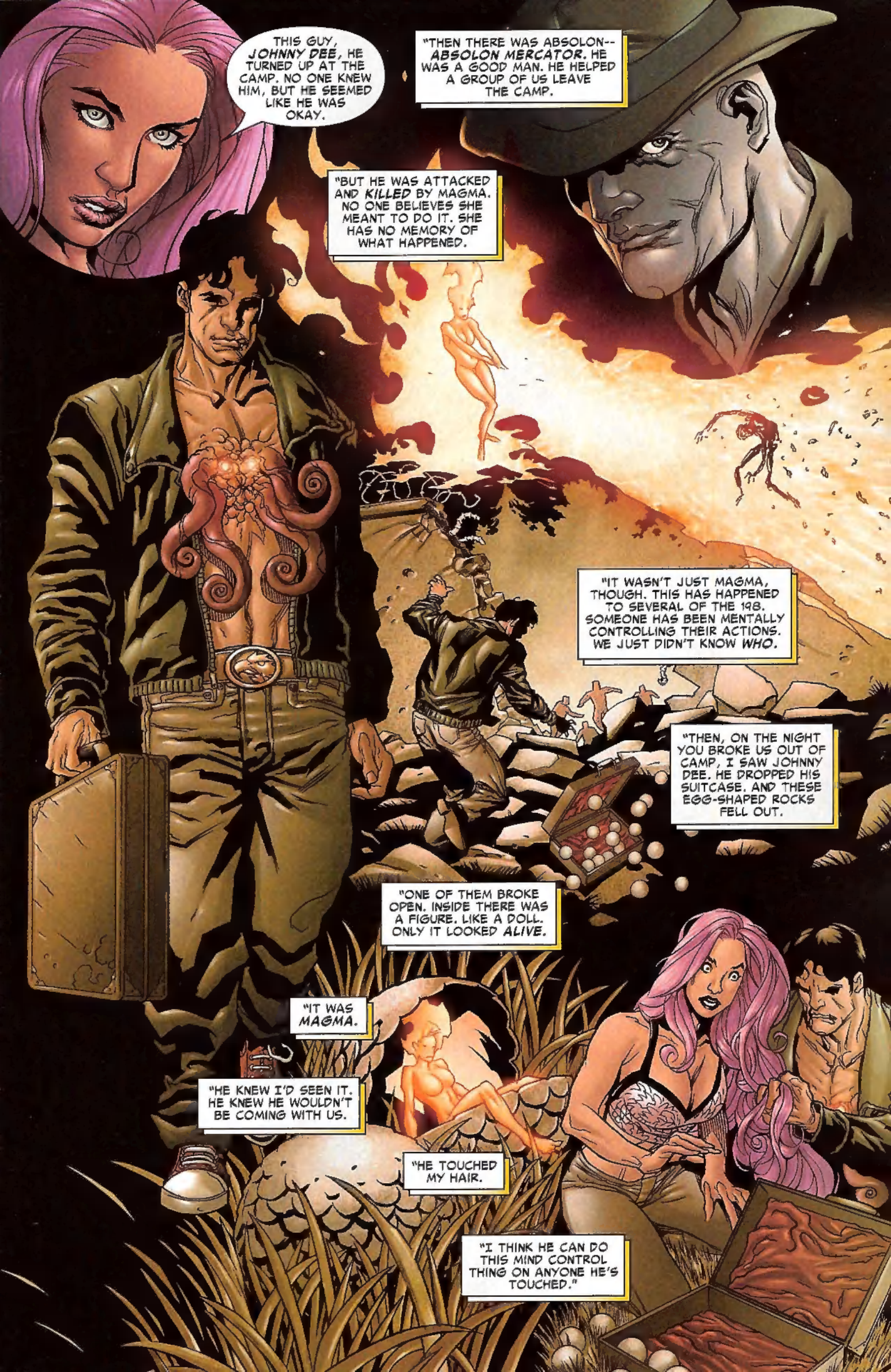

YOU'RE JOKING. YOU'RE LISTENING TO *MUSIC?*
PRIMAL SCREAM. EXTERMINATOR.

ACTION SCENES SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE A SOUNDTRACK.


SCOTT HAS TO BE UNDER SOME KIND OF PSYCHIC ATTACK. WE NEED TO COOL THIS DOWN, BOBBY, BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF HAND.
I THINK IT MAY BE A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT, HANK.
WE'VE GOT INCOMING!
GIVE IT UP, ARCHANGEL, YOU CAN'T WIN THIS AND I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU GUYS.
JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS, RIGHT?

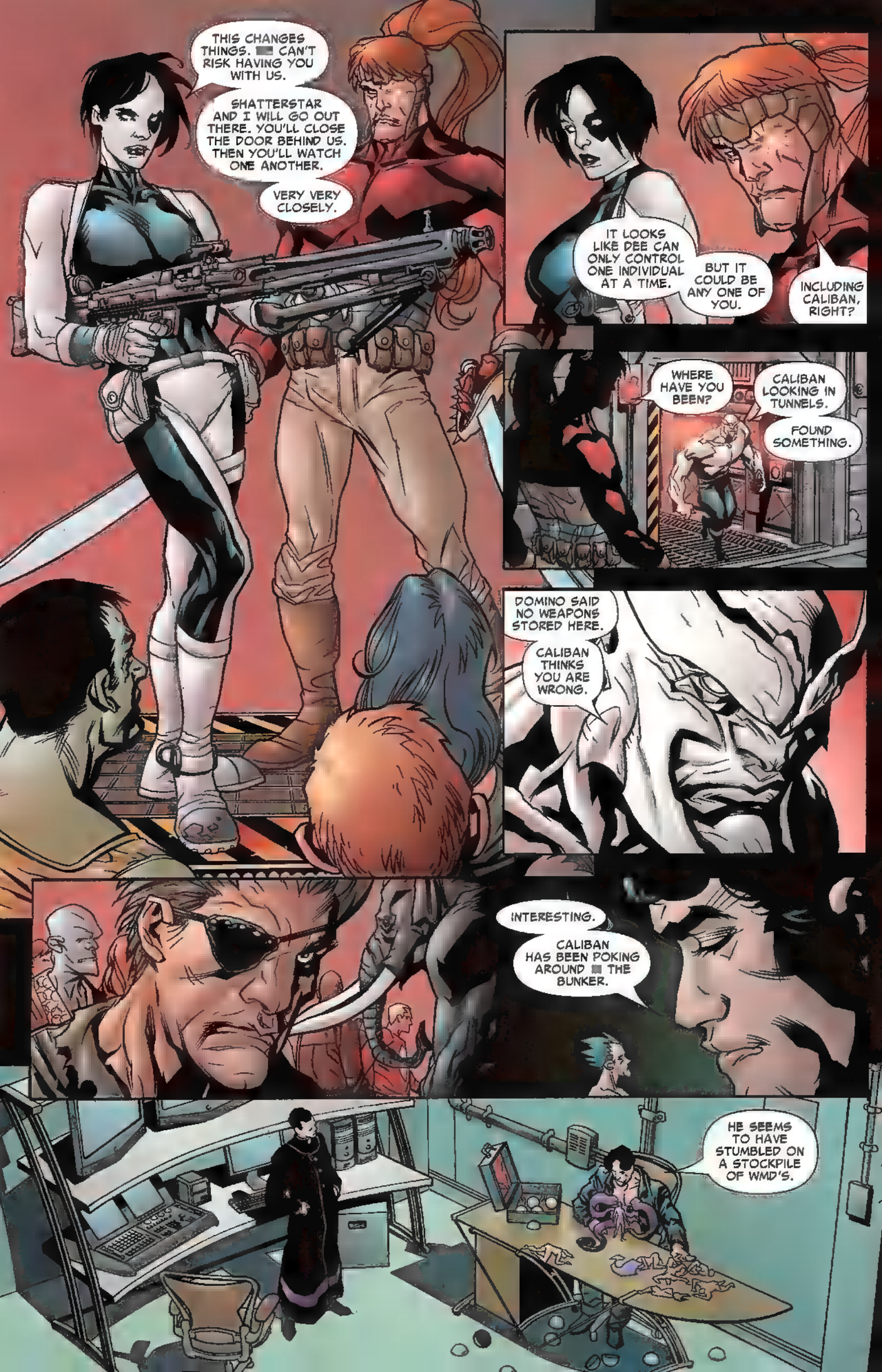
UNNN-- HANK?
WHUMP!
AKKK! I FORGOT MICROMAX CAN ADJUST HIS DENSITY AS WELL AS HIS SIZE.
FEEL LIKE I JUST RAN INTO A BATTLESHIP.
FORGET MICROMAX. I'M GONNA NEED SOME HELP HERE.
BISHOP, OLD SON, I HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER THAN YOU LOOK.
SCOTT...
...HE WAS REALLY TRYING TO KILL ME--
ARE YOU WITH US, SCOTT, OR DO I HAVE TO BE WATCHING MY BACK WITH YOU?
SOMEONE...
...SOMEONE'S BEEN IN MY HEAD.

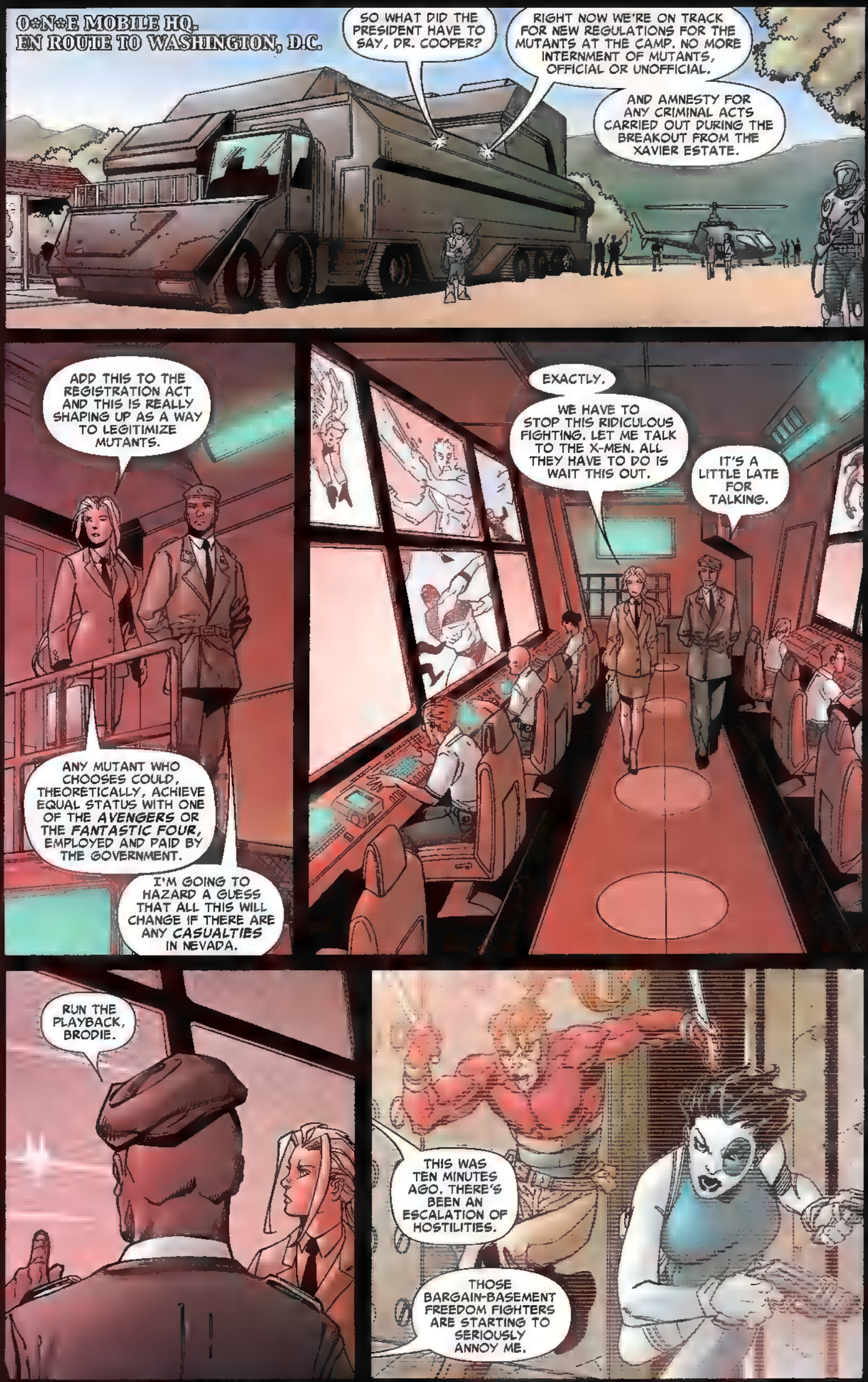
THE X-MEN ARE BEING *OVERRUN*. THEY'RE TOTALLY OUTGUNNED.
WE HAVE TO GO OUT THERE.
NO, WE DON'T. WE HAVE TO TAKE THE SHIP AND FLY OUT OF HERE.
ONCE WE'RE CLEAR, WE SPLIT UP. GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS.
HE'S RIGHT. WE'RE TOO VULNERABLE AS A GROUP.
YEAH WELL, DON'T LET US STOP YOU FROM LEAVING.
WHAT YOU DO AFTER THIS IS YOUR OWN BUSINESS. BUT NO ONE LEAVES WHILE THE X-MEN ARE IN TROUBLE. THEY CAME TO HELP US. WE'RE GOING TO RETURN THE FAVOR.
CYCLOPS PROVOKED THE O*N*E. HE *STARTED* THAT. YOU SAW WHAT HE DID TO BISHOP.
THE GUY HAS FLIPPED OUT, DOMINO.
WHAT I'M SEEING IS THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO HELP US ARE GETTING *SLAUGHTERED* OUT THERE.
NOW WHO'S COMING WITH ME?
WAIT, PLEASE. CAN YOU ZOOM THE CAMERA ON CYCLOPS?
LOOK AT HIM. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING. BUT I THINK I DO.
I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE.
IT'S JOHNNY DEE.


THIS GUY, JOHNNY DEE, HE TURNED UP AT THE CAMP. NO ONE KNEW HIM, BUT HE SEEMED LIKE HE WAS OKAY.
"THEN THERE WAS ABSOLON-- ABSOLON MERCATOR. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. HE HELPED A GROUP OF US LEAVE THE CAMP.
"BUT HE WAS ATTACKED AND KILLED BY MAGMA. NO ONE BELIEVES SHE MEANT TO DO IT. SHE HAS NO MEMORY OF WHAT HAPPENED.
"IT WASN'T JUST MAGMA, THOUGH. THIS HAS HAPPENED TO SEVERAL OF THE 198. SOMEONE HAS BEEN MENTALLY CONTROLLING THEIR ACTIONS. WE JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHO.
"THEN, ON THE NIGHT YOU BROKE US OUT OF CAMP, I SAW JOHNNY DEE. HE DROPPED HIS SUITCASE. AND THESE EGG-SHAPED ROCKS FELL OUT.
"ONE OF THEM BROKE OPEN. INSIDE THERE WAS A FIGURE. LIKE A DOLL. ONLY IT LOOKED ALIVE.
"IT WAS MAGMA.
"HE KNEW I'D SEEN IT. HE KNEW HE WOULDN'T BE COMING WITH US.
"HE TOUCHED MY HAIR.
"I THINK HE CAN DO THIS MIND CONTROL THING ON ANYONE HE'S TOUCHED."

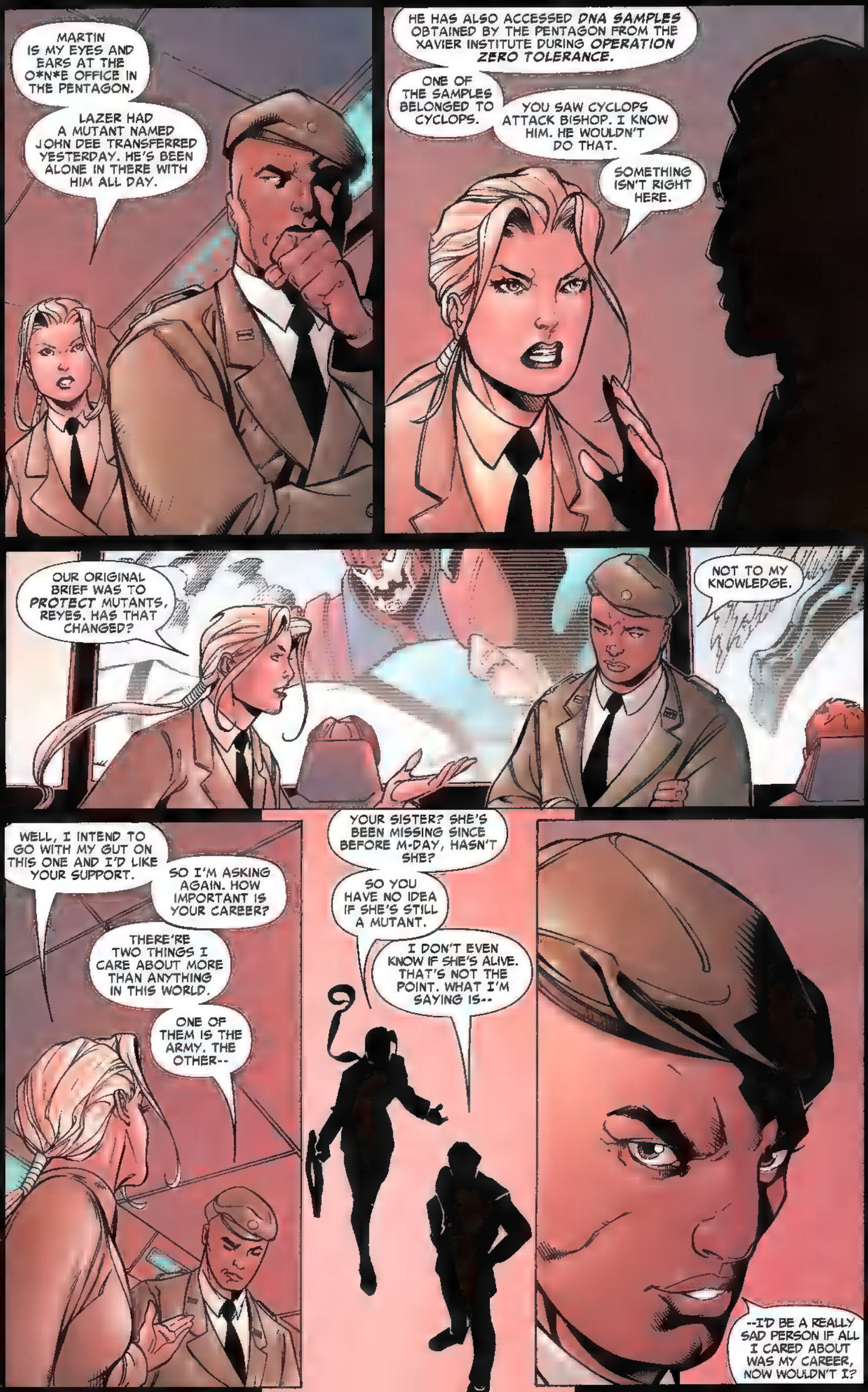
WELL, THANKS FOR SHARING THAT WITH US A LITTLE LATE.
I WASN'T SURE AT FIRST. I MEAN, THIS IS GOING TO MAKE US MORE SUSPICIOUS OF EACH OTHER THAN WE ARE NOW.
AND I COULD BE WRONG.
ACTUALLY, NO--
--LORELAI'S DEAD RIGHT.
AND I'D PREFER IT IF YOU DIDN'T GO HELP THE X-MEN. OKAY?
THAT'S A PRIMITIVE WEAPON YOU HAVE THERE, OUTLAW.
OR DO YOU PREFER JOHNNY?
THE THING ABOUT A REVOLVER IS THAT SOONER OR LATER, IT MISFIRES. IF YOU TAKE CARE OF IT, THAT MAY ONLY HAPPEN ONE TIME IN A THOUSAND.
BUT THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH ODDS FOR ME.
SO GO AHEAD. I'M FEELING LUCKY.
KLIK
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.
YOU JUST BLEW IT, JOHNNY BABY!
=WHUFF=

I THINK SHE'S COMING OUT OF IT.
TOAD?
YOU BETTER HAVE ONE HELLUVA GOOD REASON TO BE SQUATTING ON ME, MISTER.
CAREFUL. HE MAY BE UKK--
H-E-E-E-RE'S JOHNNY!
LORELEI, IS THAT YOU?
IS HE GONE?
I FELT HIM.
HE'S SICK, DOMINO. HE'S REALLY SICK.


THIS CHANGES THINGS. [redacted] CAN'T RISK HAVING YOU WITH US.
SHATTERSTAR AND I WILL GO OUT THERE. YOU'LL CLOSE THE DOOR BEHIND US. THEN YOU'LL WATCH ONE ANOTHER.
VERY VERY CLOSELY.
IT LOOKS LIKE DEE CAN ONLY CONTROL ONE INDIVIDUAL AT A TIME.
BUT IT COULD BE ANY ONE OF YOU.
INCLUDING CALIBAN, RIGHT?
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
CALIBAN LOOKING IN TUNNELS.
FOUND SOMETHING.
DOMINO SAID NO WEAPONS STORED HERE.
CALIBAN THINKS YOU ARE WRONG.
INTERESTING.
CALIBAN HAS BEEN POKING AROUND [redacted] THE BUNKER.
HE SEEMS TO HAVE STUMBLED ON A STOCKPILE OF WMD'S.


O*N*E MOBILE HQ.
EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
SO WHAT DID THE PRESIDENT HAVE TO SAY, DR. COOPER?
RIGHT NOW WE'RE ON TRACK FOR NEW REGULATIONS FOR THE MUTANTS AT THE CAMP. NO MORE INTERNMENT OF MUTANTS, OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL.
AND AMNESTY FOR ANY CRIMINAL ACTS CARRIED OUT DURING THE BREAKOUT FROM THE XAVIER ESTATE.
ADD THIS TO THE REGISTRATION ACT AND THIS IS REALLY SHAPING UP AS A WAY TO LEGITIMIZE MUTANTS.
ANY MUTANT WHO CHOOSES COULD, THEORETICALLY, ACHIEVE EQUAL STATUS WITH ONE OF THE AVENGERS OR THE FANTASTIC FOUR, EMPLOYED AND PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT.
I'M GOING TO HAZARD A GUESS THAT ALL THIS WILL CHANGE IF THERE ARE ANY CASUALTIES IN NEVADA.
EXACTLY.
WE HAVE TO STOP THIS RIDICULOUS FIGHTING. LET ME TALK TO THE X-MEN. ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS WAIT THIS OUT.
IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR TALKING.
RUN THE PLAYBACK, BRODIE.
THIS WAS TEN MINUTES AGO. THERE'S BEEN AN ESCALATION OF HOSTILITIES.
THOSE BARGAIN-BASEMENT FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE STARTING TO SERIOUSLY ANNOY ME.

GENERAL LAZER IS ON THE LINE FROM THE PENTAGON. I'M TRANSFERRING HIM TO VISUAL.
COOPER! ARE YOU SEEING WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE NEVADA DESERT? THE X-MEN ARE RUNNING AMOK OUT THERE.
SIR. IF I CAN JUST COMMUNICATE WITH CYCLOPS AND BISHOP, I BELIEVE I CAN GET ON TOP OF THIS.
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT. I'LL HAVE TO REPORT THIS CATASTROPHE TO THE PRESIDENT. I'M ALSO PREPARING A PRESS RELEASE.
GENERAL, THAT REALLY ISN'T A GOOD IDEA.
THIS IS GOING TO KILL THE AMNESTY.
YOU THINK SO?
YOU SEE THAT? THE MAN IS--
--HE'S JUST--
DIDDID DIDDID
MARTIN?! I'VE [redacted] TRYING TO REACH YOU. WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?!
THANK YOU, MARTIN.
COLONEL REYES. I NEED TO ASK YOU A QUESTION.
HOW IMPORTANT IS YOUR CAREER TO YOU?


MARTIN IS MY EYES AND EARS AT THE O*N*E OFFICE IN THE PENTAGON.
LAZER HAD A MUTANT NAMED JOHN DEE TRANSFERRED YESTERDAY. HE'S BEEN ALONE IN THERE WITH HIM ALL DAY.
HE HAS ALSO ACCESSED DNA SAMPLES OBTAINED BY THE PENTAGON FROM THE XAVIER INSTITUTE DURING OPERATION ZERO TOLERANCE.
ONE OF THE SAMPLES BELONGED TO CYCLOPS.
YOU SAW CYCLOPS ATTACK BISHOP. I KNOW HIM. HE WOULDN'T DO THAT.
SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT HERE.
OUR ORIGINAL BRIEF WAS TO PROTECT MUTANTS, REYES. HAS THAT CHANGED?
NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.
WELL, I INTEND TO GO WITH MY GUT ON THIS ONE AND I'D LIKE YOUR SUPPORT.
SO I'M ASKING AGAIN. HOW IMPORTANT IS YOUR CAREER?
THERE'RE TWO THINGS I CARE ABOUT MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD.
ONE OF THEM IS THE ARMY. THE OTHER--
YOUR SISTER? SHE'S BEEN MISSING SINCE BEFORE M-DAY, HASN'T SHE?
SO YOU HAVE NO IDEA IF SHE'S STILL A MUTANT.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SHE'S ALIVE. THAT'S NOT THE POINT. WHAT I'M SAYING IS--
--I'D BE A REALLY SAD PERSON IF ALL I CARED ABOUT WAS MY CAREER, NOW WOULDN'T I?

I'LL TELL GENERAL LAZER YOU'RE HERE.
NO. DON'T DO THAT.
BUT--
IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'LL LET THE GENERAL KNOW THEY'RE HERE.
LAZER IS IN HIS PRIVATE OFFICE. THE MUTANT, DEE, IS IN THERE WITH HIM.
NO ONE IN OR OUT ALL DAY.
HE HAS TWO TROOPERS GUARDING THE DOOR.
THANK YOU, MARTIN.
YOUR "EYES AND EARS"?
OLD BOYFRIEND.
SORRY MA'AM. THE GENERAL'S NOT SEEING ANYONE RIGHT NOW.
AND ARE YOU PREPARED TO SHOOT ME TO STOP ME GOING IN, SOLDIER?
"NO" WOULD BE A GOOD ANSWER.
THERE GOES THAT CAREER.

REYES, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I GUESS I'M RUINING YOUR DAY, GENERAL.
AND YOU MUST BE JOHN DEE. I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW GLAD I AM TO SEE YOU DOING THAT.
WELL NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE CAUGHT US WITH OUR HANDS IN THE DOO-DAH, GENERAL.
YOU GONNA TELL THEM ABOUT THE WEAPONS?
KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, DEE!
UM...I DON'T THINK YOU GET TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO ANYMORE.
THIS IS DR. COOPER. PUT [redacted] THROUGH TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

THE NEVADA DESERT

HEY, ARCHANGEL!

HANDS OFF THE LADY, PAL!

UNNFFF!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD GO THAT BIG.

OH YEAH. THAT WAS SUPER-SIZE ME.

AND ALL WORKING PARTS ARE IN PROPORTION.

SIZE DOESN'T IMPRESS ME

OKAY, FRODO, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME HOW UNIMPRESSED YOU ARE *AFTER* I SQUASH YOU LIKE A BUG.

--AAK!

MICROHOLIX!
YOU MURDERING ANIMAL!
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR COMRADE.
BUT THE CONCEPT OF MURDER DOESN'T APPLY HERE.
THIS IS WAR.

SIR!
LOOK AT THEM, SOLDIER.
THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T WIN, BUT THEY'LL NEVER STOP.
THEY'LL NEVER GIVE IN.
SIR?
I THOUGHT I'D SEEN THE WORST OF ALL FUTURES.
I'M SORRY, SCOTT. I WISH I COULD WALK AWAY, BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY THIS CAN END.
SIR. I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS.
IT'S DR. COOPER AT THE PENTAGON.
VAL?
CEASE FIRE!

CEASE FIRE!
LISTEN UP! WE HAVE A NEW SITUATION AND I NEED YOU ALL TO LISTEN TO ME!
GENERAL LAZER IS UNDER ARREST. DR. COOPER IS NOW OPERATIONS COMMANDER OF THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.
IT SEEMS LAZER HAD HIS OWN AGENDA. HE'S BEEN PULLING STRINGS, USED A TELEPATH TO MANIPULATE A FEW PEOPLE.
CYCLOPS INCLUDED.
LAZER UNDER ARREST? WELL, THAT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED TO A NICER GUY--
WHAT DID I SAY? PSYCHIC ATTACK.
NEVER DOUBTED IT FOR A MINUTE.
SO APART FROM THE MANAGEMENT, WHAT'S CHANGED, BISHOP? YOU LETTING THE 198 GO?

WHAT'S *CHANGED* IS OUR PRIORITIES.
I'LL TELL YOU OUR PRIORITY. WE HAVE A WOUNDED MAN HERE.
LOOKS BAD, SIR. MORE THAN I CAN TREAT IN THE FIELD.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM, BUT I REPEAT, WE HAVE A NEW PRIORITY.
THIS BUNKER HAD A COVERT USE. EXPERIMENTAL WEAPONS HAVE BEEN STORED INSIDE.
WE KNOW THAT. CALIBAN FOUND THEM. NONE OF US KNOW HOW TO *USE* THEM IF THAT'S WHAT'S WORRYING YOU.
THESE WERE NONSANCTIONED, EXPERIMENTAL WEAPONS. SOME OF THEM ARE UNSTABLE. THIS FACILITY WAS MODIFIED TO CONTAIN THEM.
IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN ONE BIG BLAST CONTAINMENT CHAMBER.
"IN THE EVENT THAT THEY MIGHT FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS, THERE IS A FAILSAFE PROTOCOL.
"LAZER HAS *INITIATED* THAT PROTOCOL."

"THE BUNKER IS SEALED. NO ONE GETS IN OR OUT.
"DR. COOPER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH STARK INDUSTRIES. THEY BUILT THIS THING AND THEIR BEST ESTIMATE, WITH THE COMBINED FIREPOWER WE HAVE HERE, IS THAT WE COULD MAYBE BREAK THROUGH IN EIGHT OR NINE HOURS.
THIS FACILITY IS NOW LOCKED DOWN. AUTO-DESTRUCT INITIATED.
"THE WEAPONS WILL BE POWERED UP AND DETONATED IN LESS THAN ONE HOUR."
TO ANY REMAINING PERSONNEL. BE AWARE THAT YOUR SACRIFICE FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF YOUR COUNTRY WILL BE REMEMBERED AND HONORED.
WE'RE ABOUT TO LOSE HALF THE REMAINING MUTANTS ON EARTH.
TO BE CONTINUED...